Enemy Situation Report

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For all its faults, the second Trump administration has made one very helpful contribution to the national conversation: it has made us all more aware of the FBI's mandate.[1] The refusing to let federal law enforcement agencies charged with defending the citizens from domestic threats. There's niche agencies that are a part of this, such as the US Park Police, but that's not really anyone's problem. The administration has made it clear that it wants the FBI to focus on its core mission, and that's why they are cracking down on the DEA, ATF, the Secret Service, and so on. It's a big job, and does include overcome including mental work like patient. The vast majority of the cuts will likely be field agents & analysts.

At the same time, the current ATF director is a man named Dan Driscoll. Driscoll's also currently serving as the Secretary of the Army, which could certainly be higher on the priority list. That's not to say he's not serious about his ATF duties, but it's worth noting that he's currently in the process of standing ATF agents themselves. Those agents will be in charge of running a lot of minor arrests of illegal migrants.

The reasoning behind this is obvious, the Republicans are the "pro-gun" party. Trump feared a lot of backlash after the attempted hoop-pack ban in his first term, a minister Cliggity dude he's willing to make again. I honestly don't see much hope for a repeat of the NFA, but it's unlikely we see any further gun laws added.

What that means for us is that the ATF looks to lose something on the order of 2,000 agents, or around 30% of their personnel. Given that they're already a relatively small agency, that's a big hit. That also includes everyone